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For PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING A CELLULOSIC PAPER PRODUCT EXHIBITING REDUCED MALODOR

Examiner Mark Halpern

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AMENDMENT A

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

In response to the Office action dated December 24, 2002, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

SIR:

Please replace claim 1 with the following:

1. (amended) A process for manufacturing a cellulosic paper product, the process comprising:

forming an aqueous suspension of papermaking fibers; introducing boric acid into said aqueous suspension; depositing said aqueous suspension onto a sheet-forming fabric to form a wet web; and

through-drying said wet web by passing heated air through said wet web.

Please cancel claims 2-5.

Please replace claim 6 with the following:

6. (amended) A process as set forth in claim 1 wherein said aqueous suspension has a pH of from about 5 to about 6 after said boric acid is introduced into said suspension.

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